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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UNGA
SUBJECT: SSOD PREPCOM V: PREPCOM RECOMMENDATION RE-
GARDING INVITATION TO HOLY SEE AND SWITZERLAND TO SPEAK
AT SSOD.

1. AT TODAY'S PREPCOM, PREPCOM CHAIRMAN SAID SWITZERLAND
AND HOLY SEE HAD INDICATED DESIRE TO SPEAK AT SSOD.
CHAIRMAN PRESSED FOR A DECISION AT TODAY'S MEETING
RECOMMENDING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT SWITZERLAND AND
THE HOLY SEE BE INVITED TO SPEAK TO SSOD PLENARY, PRE-
SUMABLY AT THE END OF THE GENERAL DEBATE. ITALY AND
A NUMBER OF OTHER DELS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF SUCH A RECOM-
MENDATION. NO DELEGATION EXPRESSED OPPOSITION. USREP
(FISHER) REQUESTED DELAY IN DECISION ON THIS MATTER
UNTIL TOMORROW'S MEETING.

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2. PURSUANT TO MAYNES/WEILER TELCON, US PLANS AT
TOMORROW'S SESSION TO MAKE STATEMENT OPPOSING RECOM-
MENDATION. TEXT OF STATEMENT USDEL PLANS TO MAKE IS
AS FOLLOWS:

"MR. CHAIRMAN,

THE REQUESTS BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF SWITZERLAND AND THE HOLY SEE TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PLENARY CAUSES US DIFFICULTY. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT ONE OF THESE REQUESTS COMES FROM A GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD THE MOST CORDIAL AND WARM RELATIONS FOR ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY YEARS. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE HOLY SEE.

BUT, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE UNITED STATES, AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, HAVE CONSISTENTLY UPHELD THE VIEW THAT ONLY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD SPEAK IN PLENARY. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-MEMBER STATES TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO BODIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE REPRESENTED. THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS A FORUM WHICH OFFERS A FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT NATIONAL VIEWS TO THE ENTIRETY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THUS WE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY -- AND WOULD WELCOME -- PRESENTATIONS BY SWITZERLAND AND THE HOLY SEE OF THEIR VIEWS IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. INDEED, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT SWITZERLAND AND THE HOLY SEE CAN AND WILL MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE

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SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. WE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, AGREE THAT A NON-MEMBER STATE OR OTHERS SHOULD BE HEARD IN THE PLENARY, MUCH AS WE WOULD REGRET APPEARING TO OPPOSE OUR SWISS FRIENDS AND THE HOLY SEE IN THIS MATTER.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN." YOUNG UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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